Police

Alleged parade of a number of reserve police in Kuppam.

* 578 *Q.*—Mr. C. R. Parthasarathi Ayyangar: Will the hon. the Home Member be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether in or about August last, the District Superintendent of Police of Chittoor brought down a number of police reserve to Kuppam; if so, how long did they stay there, and why; and

(*b*) whether he paraded them through the streets of Kuppam; if so, for how many days, and why?

A.—(*a*) The hon. Member is referred to the answer to question No. 328.

(*b*) The reserve party was marched through the streets to their training ground in the ordinary course of duty.

Arrest and prosecution of toddy shop picketers in Kuppam under section 107, Criminal Procedure Code.

* 579 *Q.*—Mr. C. R. Parthasarathi Ayyangar: Will the hon. the Home Member be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether Mr. Radhakrishna Chetti was threatened by the police to take away his employees from picketing;

(*b*) whether toddy shop picketers at Kuppam were arrested and put up under section 107 of the Criminal Procedure Code for not having stopped picketing; and

(*c*) whether the traders in Kuppam were threatened by the police with loss to their business, if they did not stop their picketing?

A.—(*a*) No.

(*b*) Ten persons against whom there is evidence of intimidation in connexion with picketing have been proceeded against under section 107, Criminal Procedure Code.

(*c*) No.

[For further list of starred questions, please see page 511 infra.]

UNSTARRED QUESTIONS

General

Picketing of liquor shops in Kuppam, Chittoor district.

580 *Q.*—Mr. A. Ranganatha Mudaliyar: Will the hon. the Home Member be pleased to state—

(*a*) when the picketing of liquor shops commenced in Kuppam, Chittoor district, and whether, and, if so, when it was considered objectionable by the Police or the Magistracy and on what grounds;

(*b*) whether the District Superintendent of Police issued an order that not more than five persons should picket the entrances to the toddy shops in Kuppam, and if so, when, why and under what authority;